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The Honorable Dudley Spade, Chair
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Dear Senators McManus and Pappageorge and Representatives Lahti and Spade:

In accordance with Section 218 (1) PA 252 of 2008, the attached report contains the Department of Natural Resources' (Department) policy changes that have been made to date to implement public acts affecting the Department that took effect during calendar year 2008.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

- cc: Senate Appropriations Subcommittee Members
- House Appropriations Subcommittee Members
- Joint Committee on Administrative Rules Members
- Mr. Bill Bowerman, Senate Fiscal Agency
- Dr. Kirk Lindquist, House Fiscal Agency
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Policy Changes to Implement Public Acts Established in Calendar Year 2008

Public Act	Key Provisions of Legislation	Policy Change	Policy Effective Date
PA 27 of 2008	Limits sound emissions from snowmobiles manufactured after July 1, 1980 and sold or offered for sale in Michigan to 88 decibels, as measured using the 2004 Society of Automotive Engineers Standard J2567.	Field directive issued to outline the equipment and procedures to be used by the Department's conservation officers for testing snowmobile sound emissions.	February 23, 2009
PA 291 of 2008	Department provided with authority to regulate the taking of fish with spears or bows in Michigan waters.	Regulations established by Department with the Director's signing of Fisheries Order 219. Key changes include an extension of the spearing season through the ice for pike and muskellunge in certain waters and for whitefish in the Great Lakes and connecting waters.	November 6, 2008
PA 291 of 2008	Anglers allowed to use up to three single rods and lines, with the Department given authority to decrease the number of rods per angler to two.	Regulation established by Department with the Director's signing of Fisheries Order 247, which will allow anglers to use three rods on all waters and in pursuit of all species. However, the Department retains the authority to reduce the limit to two rods if necessary. Anglers had previously been limited to two rods except when fishing for salmon on the Great Lakes.	April 1, 2009
PA 293 of 2008	Department required to offer one or more gift certificates to the public redeemable for at least all of the following: 1). Hunting and fishing license fees, 2). State park motor vehicle permit and camping fees, 3). Mooring fees, 4). Off-road vehicle license fees, and 5). Snowmobile license fees.	Gift certificate program established through the Retail Sales System for all the licenses, permits, and fees listed in the Act.	March 1, 2009
PA 299 of 2008	Revises the formula used to calculate the penalty for removing land enrolled in the Commercial Forest program (Applies to applications filed on or after September 27, 2007, where the withdrawal penalty had not been paid prior to the effective date of the Act).	Department has revised the Commercial Forest withdrawal penalty calculation to reflect the formula outlined in PA 299 of 2008. The factors used in the Commercial Forest withdrawal penalty calculation have also been posted on the Department's website, as required by the Act: http://michigan.gov/documents/dnr/CFwithdrawlPenaltyCalc_253639_7.pdf	October 8, 2008